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2. (Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein[:

the act of transmitting the failure information comprises transmitting the failure information to a system recorder;

the act of storing the failure information comprises storing the failure information in a system log; and]

the act of reporting an occurrence of an event comprises reporting the occurrence of the event to a central processing unit of the server system.

In Claim 24, at line 3, please delete "a" and insert therefor --an independently functional--.

Remarks

In response to the Office Action, Applicant has the following remarks. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended. Claims 3-23 and 25-43 remain unchanged.

Discussion of Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)

Claims 1, 24, 30 and 41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Sun Microsystems Computer Company and described by "Solstice SyMON User Guide" (referred to as "SyMON"). Claim 1 has been amended to include the system recorder and system log features of Claim 2. Applicant submits that no new search is necessary for these features since they were previously a part of Claim 2.

Claims 1, 24, 30, and 41

With respect to Claim 1 as amended, it is seen that the claim describes a method of reporting a system failure in a server system, comprising detecting a system failure condition, and transmitting failure information related to the failure condition to an independently functional system recorder. See App. p. 7, lines 29-31. Claims 24, 30 and 41 contain similar limitations. The independently functional system recorder defined by Applicant includes, in one embodiment, a microcontroller operating independently of the server system that continuously monitors system conditions in the event of a major system failure, such as primary CPU crash or loss of server system power. The independently functional system recorder is connected to a system log which can include a non-volatile random access memory (NVRAM). See App. p. 8,